

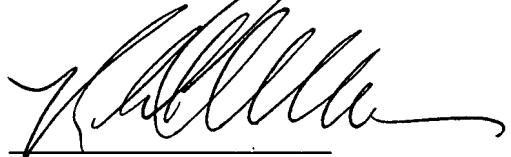
**REMARKS**

The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the foregoing amendment prior to examination of the above-identified patent application.

Applicants note that the instant amendment has been prepared to enter the claims as presented during the International Examination and to generally improve the specification and the claims presented during the International Examination to better comply with U.S. requirements and standard U.S. patent practice.

Should there be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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